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GEORGE V. ALLEN TO BE SPEAKER AT FIRST CLUB LUNCHEON
IN NEW HOME, THURSDAY, OCT. 14

Thursday, Oct. 14--OPC Bldg., 35 East 39th St.

Cocktails at Noon-----Luncheon at 12:30 P.M.

Members: \$2.50-----Guests: \$3.00

The Club undertakes its first luncheon at the new OPC home this Thursday, featuring a guest-speaking appearance by the well-known diplomat George V. Allen. The colorful Washington official recently resigned as U.S. ambassador to India to accept the position of assistant secretary of state for Near East, South Asian and African Affairs.....For this attractive affair, Members are urged to make reservations at the earliest possible time in consideration of the many problems which this first luncheon will pose for the staff. (This cooperation would include, for instance, cancellation of any reservations that cannot be filled.) Only one guest per member for this first luncheon.

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* REGULAR LUNCH, * This week, for the first time, regular "hot" luncheons
 * DINNER SERVICE * and dinner service will be available at the new Club building.
 * NOW AT CLUB * As The Bulletin went to press, workmen were completing the
 ***** chores making this possible. (Lunch is from noon 'til two,
 ***** dinner from 6 'til 8 P.M.) Members planning to take advantage
 of the new, full-scale facilities early in the week (Monday or Tuesday) are requested,
 however, to check with the Club staff--just in case some of the work was delayed over
 the week-end.

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WOMEN'S PRESS CLUBS, OTHERS HOLD SOCIAL SESSIONS IN NEW BUILDING

Under a carefully developed plan, the House Operations Committee is now accepting requests for use of the Club's facilities by other organizations. Each case is considered separately. In general, permission will be granted groups representing the various news media and appropriate organizations whose membership includes OPCers.

This past Tuesday, for example, the New York Newspaper Women's Club and the Women's National Press Club of Washington held a joint session--a cocktail party--at the Club building. KATHLEEN MC LAUGHLIN is president of the New York group. Some 60 persons attended.

Such affairs are to be fitted into the Club's agenda without conflicting with regular OPC events and without depriving members of any facilities at any time. Two large rooms on the fourth floor will generally be capable of accommodating outside groups.

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Semi-Annual OPC Meeting

Wednesday, October 27

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Wednesday, Oct. 27, has been set for the semi-annual business meeting of the OPC membership. Time: 8:30 P.M. Place: Club headquarters, 35 East 39th Street. This was arranged by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board of Governors. The Board will meet on the same date, at 7 P.M. (More on this in the next issue of The Bulletin).

PRESIDENT ARMAS OF GUATEMALA ASSURES 'RESPECT' FOR PRESS

(Editor's Note: At the last Board of Governors' meeting, it was voted that a letter received from President Armas of Guatemala should be published in The Bulletin. The letter follows:)

To the Overseas Press Club of America
 Inter-American Affairs Committee.

"I have had the pleasure of receiving your very thoughtful letter of August 4, the kind expressions of which are duly noted. I wish to thank you and at the same time to assure you that the government which I head respects the press and extends it guarantees for the full performance of its functions. I take this opportunity to salute you cordially and remain yours most sincerely."

(Signed) Carlos Castillo Armas, Lt. Col.
 President of the Government Junta
 Guatemala City, Guatemala.

The letter referred to expressed the Club's satisfaction over his action in releasing anti-communist Guatemalan newspapermen from prison and lifting the threat of imprisonment aimed at American correspondents by the previous administration.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

ACTIVE:

John G. Morris; executive editor, Magnum Photos since February 1953; correspondent and London Picture Editor for Life from October 1943 to November 1944; war correspondent in France for Life and Still Picture Pool from July to September 1944. Proposed by WILLIAM P. GRAY; seconded by JERRY HANNIFIN.

Everett R. Stone; Metropolitan Sunday Newspapers, Inc., sales manager and Director of Editorial Service, domestic and foreign since September 1953; executive assistant to President in charge of Editorial Service, domestic and foreign since December 1938. Proposed by F. RICHARD ANDERSON; seconded by SID LATHAM.

Leon Volkov; Newsweek; covering Russia for the last five years. Proposed by DAVID MURRAY, JR.; seconded by GORDON C. HAMILTON.

Milton I. Wick; president of the Niles (O.) Daily Times since 1926 and the Roanoke Rapids (N.C.) Daily Herald and the Daily Iberian (La.). Proposed by JAMES WICK; seconded by A. WILFRED MAY.

ASSOCIATE:

Reynolds Girdler, director, public relations, Sinclair Oil Corporation; The Courier Journal (Louisville, Ky.) from January 1923 to September 1926; Time from April 1944 to March 1945. Proposed by PATRICIA HARTWELL; seconded by LOUIS P. LOCHNER.

Robert H. Knight, charge of Press Relations, United States Steel Corp., Washington Post from September 1933 to August 1936; Washington Herald from August 1937 to June 1938. Proposed by LEWIS H. BOWEN; seconded by EARL O. EWAN.

Carl B. Lewis, director, public relations, Crosley and Bendix Home Appliance Co.; Bloomington (Ind.) Star from 1938 to 1939; Indianapolis Star from 1940 to 1951. Proposed by BILL DAVIDSON; seconded by CORNELIUS RYAN.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

ACTIVE:

JOHN PETER MAAS, Crowell Collier Publishing Company.

BILL STAPLETON, associate editor, Collier's.

ASSOCIATE:

JEROME BEATTY, JR., associate editor, Collier's.

MARVIN KONER, free lance photographer.

ALBERT L. MC NOME, News Bureau, United States Rubber Co.

-----O V E R S E A S T I C K E T R.-----

MEXICO CITY DATELINE--(Special to The Bulletin)--Correspondents here are gradually stirring back to work after the gala holidays centered on Mexico's Independence day, Sept. 16. As usual, President Ruiz Cortines held the traditional champagne supper in the National Palace, to which foreign correspondents were invited as well as the diplomatic corps. Special guests from the U.S. included General Ridgway....The big affair was one of those truly old style plush social events in which be-ribboned diplomats in evening clothes crowd the president rooms with huge murals and even huger chandeliers of cut crystal. From the balconies, crowds outside can be seen watching the displays of fireworks and the elaborately lighted public buildings....
...OPCers and correspondents seen there included AP's Larry Stuntz and wife; Jack Rutledge also of AP; John Wix of INS; Dave Richardson, new Time-Life chief here, and his wife, and Rafael Lozano and his wife, also of Time.

The New York News' Sydney Gruson, head of the bureau in Mexico for 2½ years, will be transferred to NY later this fall, your correspondent has learned. He will be succeeded by Paul Kennedy of the Washington bureau, according to the report. Sydney served one year as president of the Foreign Correspondents' Association in Mexico during his tenure here. His wife, Flora Lewis Gruson, is already in NY making advance arrangements for the move. They have three children: Kerry, 8; Sheila 4, and Lindsey, 1.

DAVE RICHARDSON's wife and two daughters arrived and took over the San Angel home formerly occupied by Richardson's predecessor, ROBERT LUBAR (transferred to London). Dave got off to a fast start by covering the Ruiz Cortines state-of-the-nation address, then greeting ex-president Jacobo Arbenz of Guatemala, and covering the goring of girl bull-fighter Pat McCormick. He is now tuning up for the Pan-American highway race, Mexico's top sports event for auto racers from around the world, slated Nov. 19-23.

FRED STROZIER and wife Nancy of Buenos Aires passed through Mexico City en route back to Argentina where Fred is head of the AP service. They spent a week at Churubusco country club in a cottage on the grounds, and had a chance to swap exag-gerations with such former gauchos as Larry and Ferris Stuntz, Charley and Betty Gupstill, JOHN and Peggy WILHELM and others. Son Jay and daughter Susie were with them.

And here's a flash: After three years' of protests and pleadings, the Foreign Correspondents' Association was successful in prevailing upon the Mexican government to lift prior censorship on television news film. A law which was aimed to control movie production had inadvertently included TV news, meaning all news film had to clear with the government censor. This not only meant developing it first (not usually done in TV world coverage) but finding the government censor who worked about three hours a day and not at all on weekends. Now, TC film is exempted.

BETTY KIRK, an OPCer of long-standing and an expert on Mexican coverage, has shifted from representing the London Times in Mexico to covering for the Manchester Guardian. Michael Field is now representing the Times....John White, former Argentine correspondent and author of the classic account, "Argentina, Story of a Nation", is currently here on business.

(--by JOHN WILHELM)

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	\$261,229.77	\$1,030.00	\$262,259.77

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Notes from All Over (and plenty left over for next week): First drink over new Club bar was downed by EVANS F. HOUGHTON, account exec for a certain whisky named after a certain ancient bird, black in color...Memo to WILLIAM R. FRYE, UN Correspondent, Christian Science Monitor: Nope, we missed the UN Correspondents' Ass'n lections. Our UN correspondent is among the missing...(That goes for London, Rome and other points)...VIC LASKY has launched a bi-weekly NBC radio program on communism...JACK WINOCOUR, NY correspondent of London's Picture Post, en route to home office, then to Mid East, returning in early Nov. WAYNE PENNINGTON's back at Salvage & Lee after recent knee surgery...CLINT GREEN, long-time New York Times correspondent and for past two years chief of Info for USIS in Tokyo, leaves for new London post soon, expecting to arrive there in Nov., via Far East and Southeast Asia--going long 'way around...BEN GRAUER of NBC is touring news capitals of Europe on combined honeymoon-news survey trip--with bride Melanie Kahane, interior decorator. Be back in NYC end of Oct....LOU GARCIA's off on a good will tour of South America. His companion--none other than Miss America....SIDNEY HERZBERG and A. WILFRED MAY among those covering the annual meeting of the Internat'l Bank & Fund meeting in Washington last week....JEAN JAFFEE back from South America...R.E. FITZ GIBBON on 10-week, 30,000-mile tour of Caltex Oil installations....VICTOR BOESEN hits Satevepost this week with piece on transportation of ammunition around the country....JACK DOORTY named correspondent and ad mgr. of the American Daily, for England and France, with HQS at 102 Park St., London W I....FRANK MILES, longtime OPCer, selected to make 20-minute tape recording on "Iowa in 1954". It'll be put in a vault to be opened at the Iowa State Fair....in the year 2054.

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